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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE OFFICIAL VISIT BY PRIME MINISTER MULDOON

REF: STATE 287032

1. EMBASSY STRONGLY ENDORSES AN OFFICAL VISIT TO  
U.S. IN EARLY APRIL 1977 BY PRIME MINISTER MULDOON.

2. AMBASSADOR WHITE'S STATEMENT THAT THE MULDOON  
GOVERNMENT IS VERY PRO-U.S. IN ITS FOREIGN POLICY  
HAS BEEN BORNE OUT BY ITS PERFORMANCE, MOST  
NOTABLY IN ITS OPPOSITION TO INSTRUSION BY THE  
SOVIET UNION INTO THE SOUTH PACIFIC AND IN THE  
WELCOME IT HAS ACCORDED AMERICAN NUCLEAR POWERED  
WARSHIPS. IN SHORT, THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND  
UNDER MULDOON HAS SPOKEN AND ACTED AS A TRUE ALLY.  
WE NOTE THAT THE NEXT ANZUS MINISTERIAL MEETING  
WEILL BE HELD IN WELLINGTON IN THE SUMMER OF 1977.

3. A FACTOR NOT TO BE DISCOUNTED IN WEIGHING AN  
INVITATION TO THE NEW ZEALAND PRIME MINISTER ALSO  
IS FACT THAT MULDOON'S AUSTRALIAN COUNTERPART,  
FRAZER, HAS ALREADY PAID A VISIT TO WASHINGTON  
(JULY 1976).

4. AMBASSADOR WHITE'S ASSERTION THAT  
NEW ZEALAND HAS HAD LITTLE HIGH LEVEL ATTENTION  
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FROM U.S. SINCE MULDOON'S ELECTION MJST OF COURSE

BE WEIGHED AGAINST THE LARGE NUMBER OF VISITS  
WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE TO NEW ZEALAND DURING 1976  
BY SENATORS, CONGRESSMEN AND SENIOR OFFICIALS OF  
EXECUTIVE BRANCH, AND THE VISIT TO WASHINGTON  
EARLIER THIS YEAR BY A HIGH RANKING NEW ZEALAND  
PARLIAMENARY DELEGATION. NEVERTHELESS, A MULDOON  
VISIT IS FULLY JUSTIFIED ON ITS OWN MERITS, AND  
WILL BRING TO WASHINGTON ONE OF THE MOST OUT-  
STANDINGLY EFFECTIVE AND OUTSPOKENLY PRO-AMERICAN  
LEADERS IN THE WESTERN WORLD. A VISIT BY MULDOON  
WITH PRESIDENT CARTER WILL STRENGTHEN MULDOON'S  
HAND AT HOME AND WILL SERVE U.S. INTERESTS.  
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